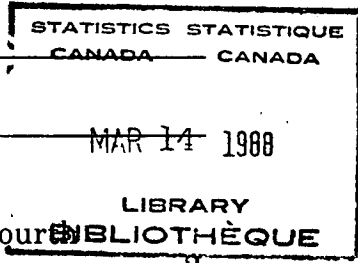


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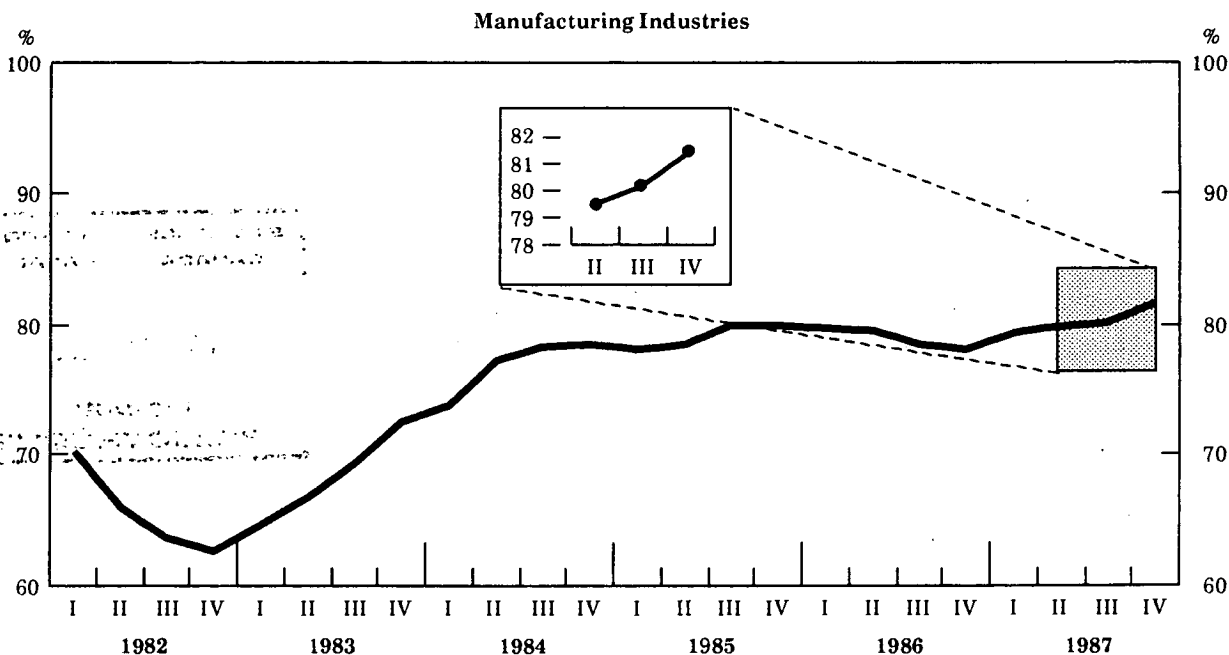
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Major Release

Capacity Utilization Rates



Capacity Utilization in Canadian Manufacturing Fourth Quarter 1987

Capacity utilization in the manufacturing industries moved up 1.9% to 81.7% in the fourth quarter of 1987 from 80.2% in the preceding quarter. A comparison of the utilization rates posted since the first quarter of 1982 shows that the rate recorded in this quarter is a new peak for the period, surpassing the previous high recorded in the third quarter of 1987.

Utilization rates in durable manufacturing industries increased by 3.5% in the fourth quarter of 1987 to 79.1% from 76.4% in the third quarter. This is the fifth consecutive quarter in which the capacity utilization rate for the durable manufacturing industries has increased. Furthermore, the capacity utilization rate for each industry in this sector showed an increase over the rate posted in the third quarter. In the non-durable sector, capacity utilization rates changed marginally, rising 0.2% to 84.5% from 84.3%.

Highlights

- All of the major building materials producing industries showed gains in their rate of capacity utilization while posting new five-year peak levels. Non-metallic mineral products industries increased 2.9% while fabricated metal products industries rose 1.8%. Wood industries were up 1.2%.
- Manufacturers of most types of machinery and equipment also posted higher rates: machinery industries increased 5.5%; and electrical and electronic products industries increased 3.6% to a new historical peak of 100.0%.
- For industries producing fabricated materials for further processing and/or inclusion in end products, the changes in the levels of capacity utilization were mixed. Growing domestic demand and higher levels of

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exports caused the primary metal industries' level of capacity utilization to increase 5.3% - achieving a new five-year peak. Chemical and chemical products industries rose 3.4%. Primary textile industries gained 2.2% to a new historical peak of 100.0%. Increases were also noted for plastics products (0.3%). Rubber products industries cut back production in order to sell off some of their inventory of finished goods, which had been at a high level - this resulted in a decrease of 9.3% in capacity utilization.

- The two major manufacturing industries that produce goods for export posted higher levels of capacity utilization: transportation equipment industries increased 4.9%; and paper and allied products industries increased 0.3%.

- Manufacturers of miscellaneous end products (mainly consumer goods), showed mixed results: printing, publishing and allied industries increased 2.1%; furniture and fixture industries were up 1.2% - operating at a five-year high; beverage industries increased 0.5% and food industries showed no change. Following growth in their inventory of finished goods and decreases in their shipments and new orders, the clothing industries lowered production, decreasing their level of capacity utilization 3.0% to 97.0% from 100.0%.

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Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing
Fourth Quarter 1987 and Quarterly Percentage Changes

Industry	IV 1987	QIV '87/ QIII '87	III 1987	QIII '87/ QII '87	II 1987	QII '87/ QI '87	I 1987
Total manufacturing	81.7	1.9	80.2	0.6	79.7	0.4	79.4
Durable manufacturing industries	79.1	3.5	76.4	2.0	74.9	1.2	74.0
Wood industries	96.1	1.2	95.0	7.2	88.6	1.3	87.5
Furniture and fixture	77.4	1.2	76.5	2.1	74.9	-0.5	75.3
Primary metal	78.1	5.3	74.2	1.8	72.9	1.1	72.1
Fabricated metal products	80.1	1.8	78.7	3.4	76.1	4.1	73.1
Machinery	61.8	5.5	58.6	1.2	57.9	-1.4	58.7
Transportation equipment	64.1	4.9	61.1	-2.4	62.6	-4.4	65.5
Electrical and electronic products	100.0	3.6	96.5	2.1	94.5	7.3	88.1
Non-metallic mineral products	83.0	2.9	80.7	3.3	78.1	-1.8	79.5
Other manufacturing industries	75.6	3.3	73.2	-0.5	73.6	0.0	73.6
Non-durable manufacturing industries	84.5	0.2	84.3	-0.9	85.1	-0.4	85.4
Food	77.1	0.0	77.1	-2.5	79.1	-1.5	80.3
Beverage	60.7	0.5	60.4	-1.6	61.4	-1.3	62.2
Tobacco products	58.4	-4.3	61.0	1.2	60.3	-0.2	60.4
Rubber products	77.4	-9.3	85.3	3.1	82.7	-7.9	89.8
Plastics products	95.6	0.3	95.3	0.4	94.9	1.2	93.8
Leather and allied products	88.7	-3.6	92.0	0.0	92.0	-1.4	93.3
Primary textile	100.0	2.2	97.8	0.0	97.8	1.0	96.8
Textile products	100.0	1.4	98.6	3.6	95.2	0.6	94.6
Clothing	97.0	-3.0	100.0	1.1	98.9	1.6	97.3
Paper and allied products	91.6	0.3	91.3	-1.3	92.5	-1.7	94.1
Printing, publishing and Allied industries	100.0	2.1	97.9	1.1	96.8	0.0	96.8
Refined petroleum and coal products	76.7	-1.5	77.9	-2.0	79.5	-0.6	80.0
Chemicals and chemical products	73.0	3.4	70.6	-3.6	73.2	3.2	70.9

Data Availability Announcements

Campus Bookstores

1986-87

Highlights

- Retail sales of 305 Canadian campus bookstores reached a total of \$298 million during the 1986-87 academic year, an increase of 13.2% from the previous year.
- Textbooks accounted for 62.5% of total sales, other books 8.5%, stationery and supplies 11.5%, and miscellaneous items accounted for 17.5%.

The 1987 issue of *Campus Bookstores* (63-219, \$20) will be available in April. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information on this release, contact the Retail Trade Section, Industry Division (613-951-9656).

Steel Exports

February 1988 (Preliminary)

Data on preliminary steel exports for February 1988 are now available.

The final data will be published in *Primary Iron and Steel*, February 1988 (41-001, \$4.50/\$45), to be released towards the end of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information on this release, contact G.W. Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

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